THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (d) As on 1-12-1993, 39 awards of the cases referred to Central Government Industrial Tribunal between 1983 to 1991, have not been implemented by Bharat Coking Coal Limited. On merits of the case, the Awards have been challenged by way of Writ/Special Leave Petitions filed in the High/Supreme Court Since the cases are still pending, the legal expenses incurred in contesting the awards will emerge finally after disposal of the cases by the Court and submission of professional bills for individual cases by the lawyers.

Projects taken over by E.C.L. and B.C.C.L. in Bihar

1236. SHRI MD SALIM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Barakar Engineering Works in Nissar (Dhanbad) has been taken over by the E.C.L.;

(b) if so, on which date and under what circumstances and grounds this has been taken over with details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Bihar Talkies in Jharia has also been taken over by the Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.; and

(d) if so, on which date and under what circumstances and grounds this was taken over, with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) Barakar Engineering and Foundry Works (B.E. & F.W.) in Nissar, Dhanbad District was taken over under Coal Mines (Taking over of Management) Ordinance, 1973 dated 30-1-1973. However, possession of BE&FW had to be handed over back because of stay orders from Calcutta High Court. BE&FW was, however, again taken over on 14-11-1986 under the orders of the Supreme Court.

(c) and (d) According to information furnished by Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL), Vihar Building Complex in which Vihar Talkies was located has been taken over by them on 26-6-1992 after the orders of the supreme court on 16-7-1992 permitting PCCL management to take over possession of this permises.

Judgement of the Ranchi Bench of Patna High Court involving BCCL

1237. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the judgement of the Ranchi Bench of Patna High Court dated 5-10-1993 in the CWJL member 2278 of 1993 (R) where the BCCL was made respondent;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. Management was present in the court and contested the case; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The case No. CWJC 899/89(R) relates to Industry colliery of BCCL in which 102 workmen were initially appointed as per the directives of the Ranchi Bench of Patna High Court and who were identified by Central Government Industrial Tribunal No. 1, Dhanbad. The case is still pending for the final hearing. In the meantime, another writ petition CWJC No. 2278 of 1993(R) was filed by the union praying therein that remaining 8 workmen also be got identified by the Tribunal. On 5-10-1993, the hon'ble High Court directed that the remaining 8 workmen in Ref. Case No. 49 of 1983 shall be identified by the president of the Union concerned.

BCCL contested the matter by filing Counter Affidavit.

Inadequate supply of instruments to Coal Mine workers in Bararee Colliery

1238. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the awards given to the workers of Bararee Colliery

in the Aree XI for exemplary performance in production have been deducted from their salaries for the month of October, 1993 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Bararee mine is working without adequate supply of tubes, cap lamps, ventilation, line support, drinking water bottles, shoes etc ;

(d) if so, the details therof as on 1st December, 1993 ;

(e) whether it is also a fact that there is no arrangement of spraying water after blasting except using buckets and hands ;

(f) whether full back wages are being deducted without providing minimum means for production ; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The workers of Bararee Colliery were not given any exemplary performance aware but were given only incentive payment. Subsequently it was detected that the colliery had not given the desired production and therefore the incentive was recovered.

(c) to (e) Regular supply of tubes, caplamps, etc. are made for production and safety. The supplies made between April and November, 1993 were coal tubs 89. Caplamp Bulbs—2672 Accumulation—426 and Mining Shoes—2340 pairs.

There is arrangement for spraying of water after blasting through a network of GI pipes. Sometimes, water is sprayed from buckets and faces which are at a distance.

(f) and (g) The means of production are provided to the workers. Fall back wages are paid as per statutory provisions.

Coordination between Coal India Ltd. and Railways for allocation of wagons for supply of Coal

1239. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proper coordination between the Coal India Limited and Railways in allocation of wagons of coal to each district and further destination ;

(b) if not, what steps/measures are being taken by Government in this regard ;

(c) whether Government are considering for the Privatisation of distribution of coal ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Proper coordination is being maintained at different levels between Railways and Coal India Limited (CIL) for allocation of coal wagons to consumers. It is due to the combined efforts of both Railways and CIL that there has been steady increase in wagon loading over the years, as would be seen from the following data :

(Figs. in average fourwheeler wagons per day)

Year	Daily average loading
1990-91	13330
1991-92	14329
1992-93	15159

(c) to (e) Coal is supplied to actual users against sponsorships/linkages or both. Coal so sold is not available for resale under the provisions of the Colliery Control order, 1945. However, in order to further improve the availability of coal, coal is also sold under Liberalised Sale scheme. Recently, the Liberalised Sale Scheme (LSS) has been further improved to extend the